

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 11/15/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-17, 3 and 7-14 have been renumbered as 1-11 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 April 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-17, 3 and 7-14 have been renumbered as 1-11 respectively.

Claims 1-11 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Andersson et al, US Patent No. 6,240,125 B1 disclose "Method and means for frequency hopping in a FDMA or TDMA or CDMA radio communication system". Ueno, US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0022692 discloses "Method, wireless network system and base station thereof for controlling power to send radio waves from a base station connected with a network system". Both Andersson and Ueno do not teach or fairly suggest the following features, which are recited in the independent claims 1 and 2:

A base station apparatus for communicating with a plurality of subscriber stations on a TDMA wireless communication manner, comprising:

an interference time slot database for registering/storing therein a communication time slot in which interference happens to occur; and a TDMA control unit for executing reallocation/rearrangement of time slots communicating with the respective subscriber stations in response to a change in a traffic based upon the interference time slot information of the interference time slot database;

wherein when interference is detected in a time slot received from a subscriber station, interference time slot information about said time slot in which interference is

detected is registered into said interference time slot database; the time slot reallocation/rearrangement are carried out based upon registered information of said interference time slot database such that said time slot in which interference is detected is reassigned to one or more time slots where no interference has been detected; and also time slot reallocation/rearrangement information is transmitted to the respective subscriber stations, and

(a) wherein time slot allocations/arrangements of all respective ones of said plurality of subscriber stations are changed once each super frame of a TDMA frame transmission structure, and wherein said base station transmits to the respective subscriber stations subsequent time slot reallocation/rearrangement information containing new time slot arrangements, over a plurality of frames within a super frame period as recited in claim 1; or

b) wherein a service area of said base station is subdivided into a plurality of sectors, and wherein said TDMA control unit executes time slot reallocation/rearrangement first to subscriber stations in sectors where no interference has occurred, and then to subscriber stations in sectors where interference has occurred as recited in claim 2.

Claims 3-11 are allowed for reasons given in the previous action filed on 06/15/2004.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai D Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3184. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00am-18:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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